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FOLLOWING IS TEST OF TELEX SENT TODAY TO PRIME MINISTER OF MAURITIUS:

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ATTN MR A JAGNAUTH
PRIME MINISTER
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THE MAURITIUS GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO WITHDRAW THE RIGHT OF MAURITIUS MUSLIM CITIZENS TO BE GOVERNED IN THEIR PERSONAL AFFAIRS BY THE SHARIAH LAW IS CAUSING GREAT DISQUIET AND DISTRESS TO MUSLIMS EVERYWHERE. THIS RIGHT WAS GRANTED UNDER THE 1961 CONSTITUTION AND ITS WITHDRAWAL WILL CAUSE MUCH ANGUISH NOT ONLY TO MAURITIUS MUSLIMS BUT TO MUSLIMS WORLD-WIDE. THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL OF EUROPE APPEALS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MOST EARNESTLY TO INTERVENE AND WITHDRAW THE PROPOSAL. SUCH A STEP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THE WORLD MUSLIM COMMUNITY AND WIN THEIR GOODWILL AND ALSO PROMOTE HARMONY WITHIN THE DIFFERENT ETHNIC PEOPLE IN MAURITIUS.
SALEM AZZAM
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